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COMPUTER SYMPOSIUM

A symposium on the application of computers to environmental concerns of the northern Pacific region of the United States and Canada will be held at the UBC Totem Park Convention Centre May 23 and 24.

UVic faculty and staff, particularly members of the Canadian Information Processing Society and the Association for Computing Machinery, are invited to attend the symposium, entitled Northwest 74. Registration fees before May 12 are \$25 for CIPS/ACM members, \$35 for non-members and \$15 for students. All charges are increased by five dollars after May 12. Accommodation is available in the Totem Park and Gage Residences.

Approximately 50 papers have been selected for presentation in three concurrent sessions. Of particular interest will be the session including papers on the application of computers to the forest industry and earth satellite research.

Other sessions will deal with such topics as financial modelling, simulation and operational modelling, process control, teleprocessing, distributed networks and Computer Science education.

Invited speakers are Carl Hammer, J.L. Knox, and Edward G. Matthews. Dr. Hammer is Director, Computer Sciences of Sperry-Univac in Washington D.C. He is also Adjunct Professor at the American University and a Visiting Professor at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, both in Washington.

In June 1973 Dr. Hammer was given the Computer Sciences Man-of-the-Year Award by the Data Processing Management Association.

Mr. Knox is Regional Director of the Atmospheric Environment Service for the Pacific Region of Canada. His organization is responsible for the operation of 50 Weather Observing Stations and Forecast offices in B.C. and also for Ocean Station Papa, about 900 miles west of Vancouver Island.



DR. CUNNINGHAM DIES

Funeral services were held April 25 for Dr. Jeffree A. Cunningham, B.C. L.L.D who died recently at the age of 88.

A native of Victoria, Dr. Cunningham was an outstanding teacher and educational administrator at Victoria College

before his retirement in 1951. He was Registrar, Vice Principal and Professor of Biology, Botany and Zoology during his tenure.

In 1964 Dr. Cunningham was awarded an LL.D (Honoris Causa) degree from the University of Victoria.

The Cunningham Building, completed in November 1970, was named in his honour.

Mr. Matthews is Engineering Education Manager for IBM's Laboratories in the Mid-Hudson Valley. Mr. Matthews has travelled widely in Europe, Southeast Asia and Japan lecturing on advances in technology, trends in computer system design, new computer applications and the effects of computers on society.

NOON HOUR SOCCER

Informal soccer games at noon hour have started again from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays. Experts and beginners from faculty, staff and students are welcome. Players can change in the P Hut dressing room.

INTRODUCTIONS

An attestment to the achievements of the university's Creative Writing students is now available in local bookstores.

Introductions from an Island 1974 contains the poems and prose of 17 students, edited by head of the Creative Writing Department Robin Skelton.

Five hundred copies of the slim, soft-cover volume have been published, many of which will be distributed to libraries around North America, creative writing departments in other universities, literary reviewers, publishers, editors and a number of regular subscribers.

Introductions from an Island 1974 is the only annual publication of its kind, said Professor Skelton who has been editing the book since its first appearance in 1969.

"Reviews in Canadian papers on past issues have been extremely favorable.

"The market for this sort of book is quite static. A small number of people are interested in reading the work, particularly professionals in creative writing who are interested in seeing what young writers are doing. Occasionally there are enquiries from magazine editors looking for materials."

Selection of the work is made from assignments done throughout the year, Professor Skelton said.

"There is no attempt to have everyone in it — it's simply what I consider the best work to be done this year.

"There's not enough space to include everyone — and not all the work is good enough to include."

Among the contributors is Bill Thomas, recently awarded a Senior Artists Short Term Award from the Canada Council to aid him in preparing background material for a book on Robert Graves.

Professor Skelton has also received a Senior Artists Short Term award which will finance the preparation this summer of a book on the Cariboo.

"I shall be trying to characterize the Cariboo and including a great deal of local history. This has to be done now, before the older generation has died. There is a great deal of material that has never been published."

Professor Skelton said that although the UVic Department is one of only two separate departments of Creative Writing in Canada (the other being at UBC), the teaching of creative writing is rapidly gaining acceptance.

"Almost any leading writer under 40 has probably taken a course somewhere, often under a professional writer. It is now quite a respectable thing to do, although more so in North America than in England."

Approximately 120 students took one or more creative writing courses at UVic during the past year. For some, the experience may have been the first step toward a writing career. Professor Skelton keeps in touch with publishers and magazine editors on both sides of the Atlantic.

"I have it in mind for some of the students to try to get into magazines in both Britain and North America — there are several chances of international publication."

Inclusion in *Introductions from an Island* is for many students the first chance to publish their work.

"The publication is regarded as an integral part of the teaching. It provides incentives and rewards for good work as well as enabling student work to be seen."

"It is always good for writers to see their work in print."

DR. ROY HONOURED

Dr. Reg Roy, Professor of History and Associate Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, was honoured at the Alumni Association Annual Meeting Tuesday for twenty years of service to the Association.

Honorary Alumni Association President Robert T.D. Wallace presented Dr. Roy

with a pewter tray and two crystal sherry glasses.

Alumni Association president Olivia Barr said Dr. Roy has supported the Association "through thick and thin — and we feel he deserves some sort of recognition."

Dr. Roy has distinguished himself in both military and academic endeavours. Among his achievements as an officer of the Canadian Armed Forces was the command of the University of Victoria Detachment, UBC Contingent of the Canadian Officers Training Corps from 1958 to 1968.

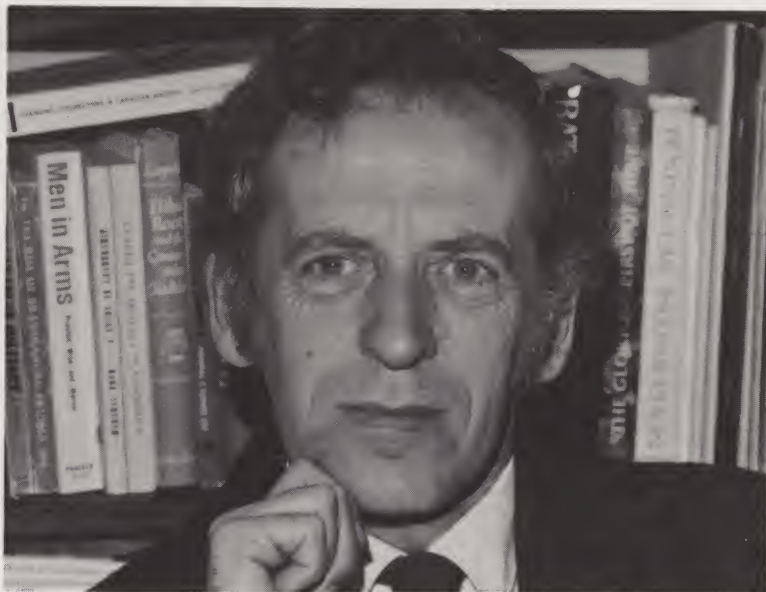
A graduate of U.B.C. (B.A. 1950, M.A. 1951) and the University of Washington, (Ph.D. 1965) Dr. Roy served as Narrator at the Historical Section, General Staff, Canadian Army Headquarters in Ottawa from 1951-1953.

The following year he became Archivist in the Public Archives of Canada and then spent the next four years as Archivist of the B.C. Provincial Archives. During this time he taught History 303 at Evening and Summer Sessions at Victoria College.

After serving as instructor in the Department of History and Economics for one year at Royal Roads, Dr. Roy came to UVic in 1959.

He taught in the History Department, becoming assistant Professor in 1961 and Associate Professor in 1965 and Professor of Military History and Strategic Studies in 1970.

Dr. Roy is the author of several books, including *The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada 1919-1965*, and has published numerous articles.





N.R.C. GRANTS

Scientific research and scholarship will receive almost a million dollars in federal government support during the 1974-75 academic year.

Dean of Academic Affairs Dr. John Dewey announced today the grants come from the National Research Council, the Defence Research Board, the Medical Research Council and the Atomic Energy Control Board.

The bulk of the money in the amount of \$787,000 will go to support faculty research, but, he said, "it is gratifying to see about \$170,000 of federal funds including \$33,000 from the Canada Council going to support the research activity and scholarship of students".

About \$428,000 of the NRC money will support 80 individual faculty research projects with a further \$301,000 going to the Physics department from the Atomic Energy Control Board. The Biology department received an additional \$36,000 from the Medical Research Council to support special research.

Dr. Dewey stressed that the funds do not

accrue directly to individuals, but will be managed by the university to fund equipment purchases, operating costs and travel associated with the research.

All members of the Bacteriology and Biochemistry department received grants to support the scholarly activity of the department.

NRC grants to Physics will support research in areas such as astronomy and astrophysics, geophysics, nuclear studies, physics of fluids and theoretical physics. The Chemistry department received support for studies in Chemical thermal transpiration, electronic spectroscopy and astrochemistry, chemical measures to protect the environment, electro-chemical laser interferometry and other specific areas.

Five students received a total of \$20,250 in NRC postgraduate scholarships each worth \$4,050 over 12 months of study, and six others received \$24,300. The money covers the first or second year of work toward post graduate studies. Seven others received renewals of scholarships totaling \$28,000 to continue studies at the Doctoral level.

GYMNASTIC CHAMPIONSHIP

A major athletic event will draw competitors and spectators from across Western Canada to the UVic campus this month.

The Western Canadian Gymnastics Championship will be held in the university gymnasium May 11 and 12.

Approximately 160 gymnasts from the four western provinces along with coaches and other personnel will be billeted in the UVic residences during the event.

Persons wishing to attend the event may obtain tickets through either the YM-YWCA or from the University Relations office in F Hut (Local 780). The gymnasium will accommodate an audience of between 400 and 450.

Organizers of the meet are Peter Kopac, Jr., Chairman of the B.C. Men's Coaches Committee and George Beer (Physics).

Many of the spectacular gymnastics events which caught the public imagination at the Munich Olympics will be on view at the Championship.

Trophies will be provided by the provinces in the classifications of Argo, Tyro, Novice and Junior.

ORAL EXAMINATIONS

Notification of the following three oral examinations was received too late for advance publication.

M.A. Candidate in History in Art Frederick John Netherton defended his thesis "American Unitarian Architectural Aesthetics" Monday, April 29.

M.Sc. Candidate in Biology Marlene Gail Saks Oliver defended her thesis "Habitat Selection and its Relation to Reproductive Development of the Rough Skinned Newt, *Taricha Granulosa* on Southern Vancouver Island" Tuesday, April 30.

M.Sc. Candidate in Biology Wolfgang Dieter Binder defended his thesis "Viability Storage and Senescence of the P1 Pollen of Douglas Fir (*Pseudotsuga Menziesii*) and Maise (*Zea Mays*) Thursday, May 2.

CLASSICS DAY

A quick course in classics drew about 45 grade twelve students from the Victoria area, Shawnigan and Vancouver to the university Saturday.

Classics Day, the first of its kind to be organized by the Classics Department, offered participants a full day of discussions on various aspects of Augustus, First Emperor of Rome.

Delivering lectures during the one-day study session were Classics Department members David Campbell, John Fitch, Harry Currie and Geoffrey Archbold. Discussions dealt with the background of the reign of Augustus, including the literary background, the achievements of the Emperor, and the contributions of Virgil and Horace to the diffusion of the ideals and policies of Augustus. Slides acquainted students with historical sites and with works of art produced during the rule of Augustus.

Also in attendance at the study session were Bill Cross (Education) and Daphne Osborn, Admissions Officer, to answer questions on course selection and registration.

Students were provided with lunch by the University.

FACULTY NEWS

CHEMISTRY

Dr. Reginald H. Mitchell has been awarded a special grant by the Defence Research Board of Canada of \$4,000 to investigate the synthesis of nitroacetylenes—potential propellants.

COMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, May 7

8:00 pm Faculty and Staff Badminton. Gym.

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April 27 to September 8, 1974

Normal service hours will apply through Friday, April 26th.

Saturday, April 27 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 28 12:00 noon—8:00 p.m.

April 29—July 2

Monday—Friday 8:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday Closed

Monday, May 20 Closed

Monday, July 1 Closed

Tuesday, July 2 8:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Summer Session Hours, July 3—August 16

Monday—Thursday 8:00 a.m.—11:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Sunday Closed

Monday, August 5 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

August 17—September 8

Monday—Friday 8:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

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Monday, September 2 Closed

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